



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Richard N. Hicks, Interim City Manager
Larry D. James, Sr., Chief of Police

Date: May 6, 2022

Subject: Consideration - Accept "Let's Go NC-Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety" Bicycle Helmet Grant via the North Carolina Department of Transportation for FY2022

BACKGROUND:

The Elizabeth City Police Department continues to seek grant funding opportunities through outside sources including Federal, State, Local, and private entities for the purpose of enhancing operations and furthering the department's mission of the pursuit of excellence.

ANALYSIS:

In January 2022, the North Carolina Department of Transportation announced that it was accepting applications from law enforcement agencies across the state to apply for the "Bicycle Helmet Initiative" for FY2022-2023. Through this initiative, NCDOT provides bicycle helmets and the "Let's Go NC-Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Curriculum." Funding for this grant is made possible through the "Share the Road" program/initiative, and there is no budget impact for this particular grant. The Council authorized ECPD's application for this grant for an estimated \$645.00 value in bicycle helmet equipment that could be distributed throughout the community. The bicycle helmets have an estimated value at \$6.45 per helmet and will provide one hundred (100) bicycle helmets to be distributed to local children. Approval of this program/initiative will help the agency in further educating the public of bicycle safety precautions and other measures to aim to reduce bicyclist injuries in our city. This grant will be overseen by the Community Resources Unit of the Police Department.

The first week of May 2022, staff received confirmation via e-mail that the Police Department has been selected as a recipient of the "Bicycle Helmet Initiative" award for FY2022-2023. Staff is seeking permission to accept said award.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, authorize acceptance of the award from "Let's Go NC-Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety" Bicycle Helmet Grant via the North Carolina Department of Transportation for FY2022 in an effort to enhance traffic and bicycle safety awareness for the citizens of Elizabeth City.